

NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

Pursuant to Muskegon County Ordinance No. 2006-329, the sale of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus is prohibited effective January 1, 2007. This prohibition does not apply to:

- (a) Newly established turf or lawn areas during their first growing season.
- (b) Turf or lawn areas that soil tests, performed within the past three years by the Michigan State University Extension Service or other qualified or recognized authority in the area of soil analysis for analysis, confirm are below phosphorus levels established by the Michigan State University Extension Service. The lawn fertilizer application shall not contain an amount of phosphorus exceeding the amount and rate of application recommended in the soil test evaluation.
- (c) Agricultural uses, vegetable and flower gardens, or application to trees or shrubs.
- (d) Yard waste compost, bio-solids or other similar materials that are primarily organic in nature and are applied to improve the physical condition of the soil.

Phosphorus in the County lakes and waterways has resulted in excessive algae growth. Rainwater runoff from lawns treated with fertilizer containing phosphorus enters the storm drains of Muskegon County then proceeding to Muskegon County lakes and waterways. Phosphorus pollution can lead to toxic algae blooms in lakes and waterways causing public health concerns and affecting boating and fishing in those waterways.